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MICROORGANISMS IN ANIMAL**

REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 29, 2007 please enter the following amendments to the claims, and reconsider the application in view of these amendments and Applicants' remarks below.

(1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing which begins on page 2 of this paper.

(2) Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.